



Tempe Public Art



Tawny Gamboa

Imagine, 2014

Acrylic Paint

Location: Southeast corner of
Ash Avenue and 3rd Street

Artist website:
www.artedelamor.com

Photo: Matt Winkquist

Description: The artist's main influence for the bold and colorful design is from a quote by Albert Einstein, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." The notion that one's imagination can grow from within and has the potential to grow infinitely is the true message and meaning of the painting. One's creativity, and possibilities are endless...One just has to believe and dream. The tree growing from the Einstein's head represents this growth and ones' ability to perceive their true potential in their daily life...night and day. The images of the sun and moon symbolize this balance and influence on one's daily life. The merging of both sun and moon settings over Tempe Town Lake characterizes the foundation of where Gamboa began her creative journey in her hometown of Tempe, and brings serenity to the abstract brush strokes of Albert Einstein's portrait.

Artist biography: Gamboa, a local artist raised in Tempe, received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from ASU, where she plans to continue her studies and receive a Masters in Art Therapy. Her bright, bold and whimsical style has been influenced by famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, and Pablo Picasso. Gamboa believes in creating beauty to enhance our world by bringing awareness of positivity and enlightening images through colorful and bold works.

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